

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)


In the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, claims 1-12 stand rejected as anticipated by, Pennington, W., *Calibration of Seismic Attributes for Reservoir Characterization*, Annual Report, DOE Award No. DE-AC26-98BC15135 (Pennington).

The Applicant respectfully submits herewith a Declaration of M. Turhan Taner which establishes conception of the claimed invention and reduction to practice prior to the effective date of Pennington as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a). The Applicant does not, by submitting the Declaration, admit that the disclosure of Pennington is within the scope of the Applicant's claims.

The Applicant believes that this Reply is fully responsive to the ground of rejection stated in the Office Action of July 1, 2004, and respectfully requests early favorable action on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 8/12/2004


Richard A. Fagin, Reg. No. 39,182
P.O. Box 1247
Richmond, TX 77405-1246

Telephone: (713) 539-5006
Facsimile: (281) 276-6494